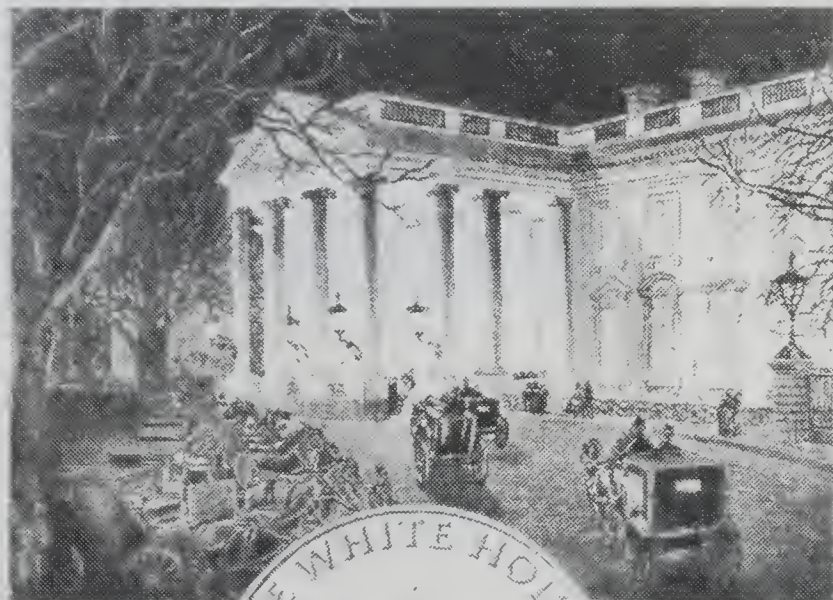




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FROM
THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DR. THOMAS F. FITZGERALD

CSNA R-2074



As reported in the last issue of Calcoin News, the 91st Convention of the California State Numismatic Association will be held in conjunction with the 25th Annual San Jose Coin Show, January 22-24, 1993. A CSNA medal will be struck, as is customary, for this convention in silver, golden bronze and oxidized editions. These medals will be on sale at the CSNA table during the show. Please stop by and, if possible, help serve as host to greet the folks attending the show. Would you like to exhibit? Contact David W. Lange at P.O. Box 190476 in San Francisco, CA 94119 and he will assist you in receiving exhibit information.

The CSNA officers' and board meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 23rd and a general business meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. also on the 23rd. The CSNA Educational Forum is planned for Friday evening and we hope you all will attend. The 91st Convention Banquet will take place Saturday evening and will include the installation of new officers as well as the awarding of 25 year membership pins. We look forward to seeing you all in San Jose.

CSNA 25TH ANNIVERSARY EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The very distinctive CSNA 25th Anniversary Educational Symposium is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 1993 at the Days' Inn in Fullerton, California. For more information, see the article elsewhere in this publication. Admission is free and we have a great time planned for those juniors who attend.

92ND COIN SHOW AND CONVENTION

A new date and a new location! The 92nd CSNA Coin Show and Convention held as part of the Golden State Coin Show has been rescheduled to May 28 and 29, 1993 at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles. The hotel is just minutes from the Los Angeles Airport with free shuttles running every ten minutes. The new date is prior to the June Long Beach Show with a number of important auctions scheduled during this time. Single and double rooms are available from the hotel for \$55 per night if you identify yourself as attending the show. A full schedule of CSNA activities are being planned including the traditional medal, luncheon, meetings and banquet. There is plenty of free parking and a full bourse is being made available. Enjoy the slower paced, less crowded, educational events and the courtesy of a smaller coin show. If you want any information, contact me, Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, General Chairman at P.O. Box 4144, Covina, CA 91723.



Editorially

VIRGINIA M. HALL
CSNA LM 26-02

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

The Board of Directors of CSNA has voted to obtain a Third Class Permit for mailing Calcoin News. This should be in place for the Spring Mailing, March 15, 1993.

The Third Class Non-Profit will save us some monies in the long run. This is in line with our cost cutting efforts related to Calcoin News and create some additional revenue by doing some limited advertising. Our only major source of income are the annual dues and whatever income we get from our convention efforts.

The one drawback to Third Class is — the post office does not send us the address corrections. Therefore, I am asking any member who is thinking about moving, please advise us of your new address as soon as possible.

If you move, and don't receive your copy of Calcoin News, we will have no way of knowing about it unless you advise us.

We value each and every member and want you to receive each issue of Calcoin News as it is a part of your membership.

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THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

200th ANNIVERSARY COIN

By Virginia M. Hall, CSNA, LM-26-02

The White House historians say the cornerstone was laid October 13, 1792, but no one has ever proved it, reports White House curator Rex Scouten. Today, the engraved brass plate detailing the event remains buried within the stone walls.

There is only one written account, by a man who was visiting from Philadelphia. He just got caught up in the ceremony, and two weeks later wrote about it to a friend in Charleston, South Carolina.

According to that account, a committee, including the White House architect and builder placed a flat brass plaque between two 42-inch thick building stones at the southwest corner of the building — and it's never been seen since.

Historians have tried to confirm the location, in the vicinity of the Rose Garden, but even modern technology hasn't helped. "We've tried portable radar and twice a metal detector, Scouten says. The result: positive readings in three different spots, but they have not been able to locate it.

The National Park Service re-enacted the laying of the cornerstone on October 13, 1992, a part of the building's lore that gets another twist with each new inhabitant.

The building at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue was set afire by the British in 1814, lodged Union soldiers in the 1860's, was renovated by Theodore Roosevelt in 1902, redone again and given a rear balcony by Harry Truman in 1948-52, and painted 28 times before 1980, when it was stripped to the stone and painted again.

George Washington ordered construction of "The President's House," but he never slept there. Washington wanted a 60-room house built of off-white sandstone from Virginia, overriding Thomas Jefferson's demand for red brick. Workers whitewashed the stone to protect it before the building was finished, and by the 1820's, most people knew it as the White House. Roosevelt made the name official in 1901.

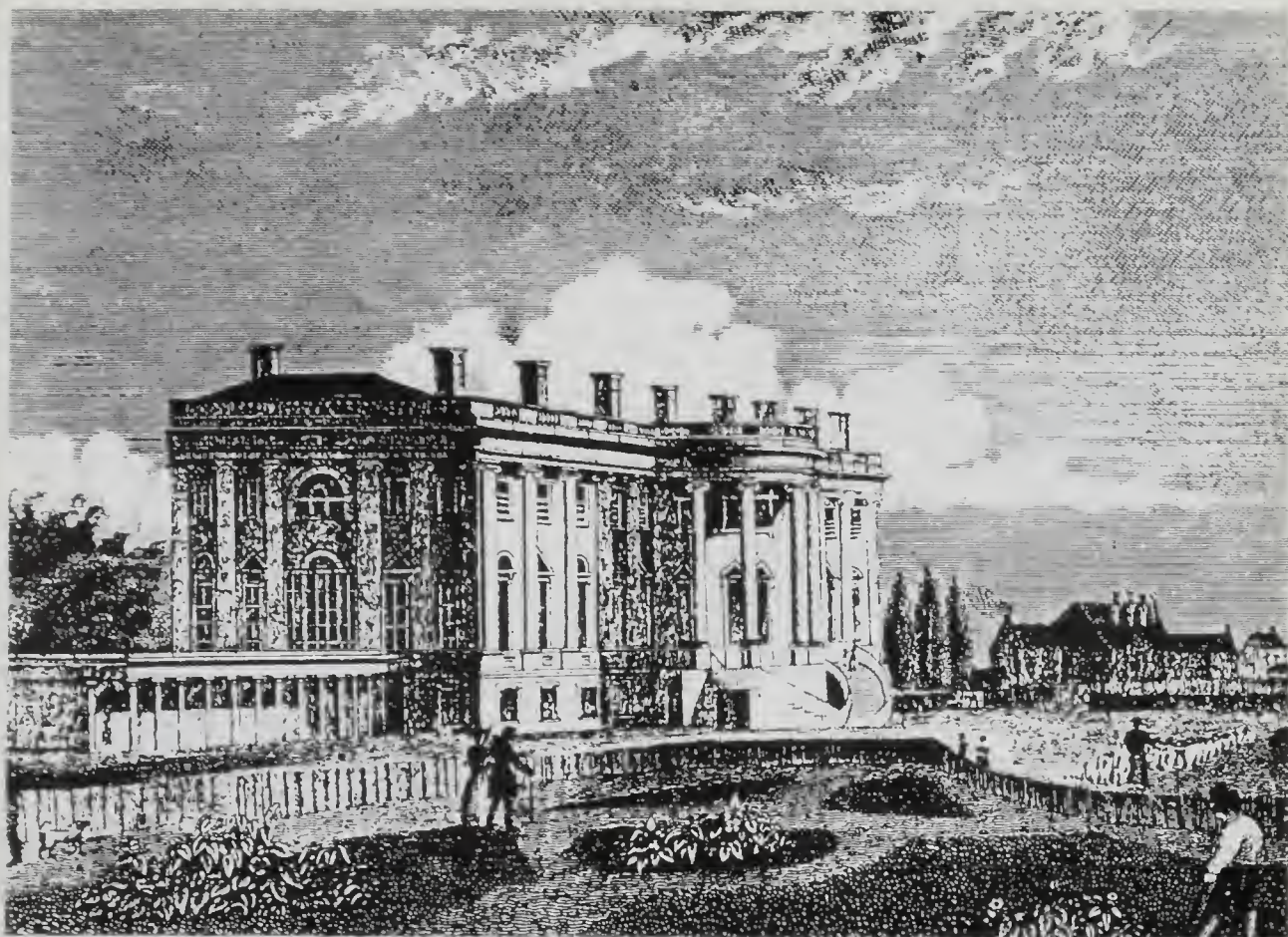
John Adams was the first president to actually live there, moving in when only six rooms were complete in 1800. Since then, 29 presidents have lived there, two — William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor — died there, one — Grover Cleveland — was married there.

Over the years, the building has been expanded to twice its original size, now with 130 rooms. The Oval Office was built by William Taft in 1909. The stables are long gone.

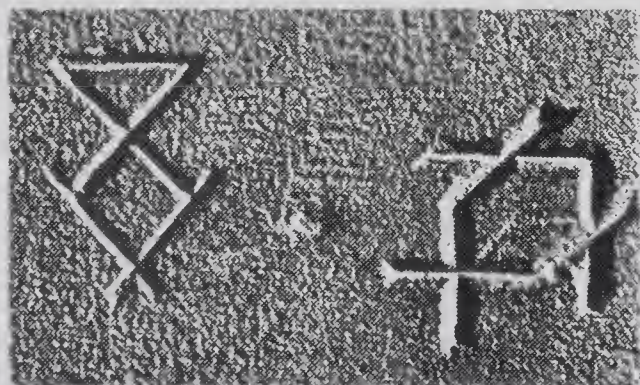
Within the walls of the White House begins 200 years of remarkable history. President Lincoln made his momentous decision to free the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation . . . Mrs. Madison, within earshot of British cannon fire, courageously saved a now priceless portrait of George Washington . . . and President Roosevelt met with Prime Minister Churchill to lay the foundation for the cooperation that proved so crucial to the Allied Victory. It is a rich history, indeed.

James Hoban, architect and builder of the President's Home, who won the competition for the design. In July, 1792 the Commissioners of the Federal City awarded a gold medal worth 10 guineas (\$500) to the Irish architect then living in Charleston, South Carolina.





A French-style parterre garden appears in front of the South Portico and Jefferson's west pavilion in this English engraving of 1831 by Fenner Sears & Co. This peaceful arrangement of nature may have been created by Charles Bezat, who was listed in the first Washington city directory (1822) as "gardener to the president." (Note the sheep grazing on the White House lawn).



Signature marks of the masons who constructed the President's House. The marks, still visible today, were cut into the sandstone above the great fireplace of the old kitchen on the Ground Floor.

THE WHITE HOUSE: HOME TO AMERICA'S HISTORY

The White House has been the official residence of the President since November 1, 1800, when the second Chief Executive, John Adams, moved into the unfinished building, and on the following evening he included in a letter to his wife, Abigail, the prayer that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had carved on the mantel of the State Dining Room:

"I pray Heaven to bestow the best of Blessings on this House and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise Men ever rule under this roof."

Although universally known as the White House, the building was first called the President's House, and later the Executive Mansion. Not until 1901, during President Theodore Roosevelt's administration, did the name "White House" appear on Presidential stationery. The building embodies 200 years of American history and heritage and is a cherished symbol of the Presidency. The White House 200th Anniversary Coin celebrates the bicentennial of the laying of the White House cornerstone.

THE MOST CELEBRATED OF AMERICAN HOMES

The great number of public visitors and official guests makes the White House a constant center of activity. Nearly 1.5 million visitors tour the White House each year, and 50,000 official guests are entertained there annually. Throughout its 200-year history, the White House structure has been altered, adapted and enlarged.

- President Thomas Jefferson first opened the White House to the public in 1801.
- The original structure was nearly burned to the ground by the British in 1814; only the scorched sandstone walls remained standing. The house was rebuilt between 1815 and 1817, using portions of the original walls.
- The West Wing offices were built in 1902, then enlarged in 1909 when the first Oval Office was constructed for President William Howard Taft.
- Examination of the White House structure in 1948 revealed significant deterioration of the original interior walls and wooden beams. President Harry Truman made the decision to completely renovate and reconstruct the interior of the building. The renovation continued into 1952.

THE LIVING WHITE HOUSE

The most endearing aspects of life in the President's House are known from the hundreds of stories that have come down through the years about White House families. There has always been something new and exciting happening in the White House.

- Abigail Adams hung the Presidential laundry in the unfinished East Room.
- President Woodrow Wilson's sheep cropped the South Lawn during World War I.
- In 1835, supporters of President Andrew Jackson from Oswego County, N.Y., presented the President with a 1,400 pound wheel of cheddar cheese. The gift was kept on display in the Entrance Hall for two years. Shortly before leaving office in 1837, President Jackson served the cheese to guests at a lively White House celebration. The cheese was gone in two hours, but its stains on the White House flooring and its odor lingered well into the Martin Van Buren administration.
- When Archie Roosevelt was confined to bed with measles, his brothers entertained him by leading their pony, Algonquin, into the second floor bedroom, after bringing the pony in the President's elevator.

SILVER DOLLAR, DESIGNS AND SPECIFICATIONS

To pay tribute to the White House on its 200th anniversary, the U.S. Mint, by Act of Congress, has created a very special silver dollar . . . with a maximum mintage of just 500,000 coins.

Public Law 102-281, signed by President George Bush on May 13, 1992, authorized the United States Mint to produce legal tender silver dollar coins to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the White House. A \$10 surcharge included in the price of each coin will be paid to The White House Endowment Fund. The Fund will serve as a permanent source of support for the White House Collection of fine art and historic furnishings, and for the maintenance of the historic public rooms.



OBVERSE



REVERSE

OBVERSE:

Silver Dollar Designs and Specifications

Weight:

26.73 grams

Diameter:

1.500 inches

Composition:

90 percent silver (0.76 troy ounces)
10 percent copper

Maximum Mintage Authorized:

500,000

U.S. Mint Facility:

The proof version of the coin, minted at the U.S. Mint at West Point, New York, is the first proof commemorative to bear the "W" mint mark of the West Point Mint. The uncirculated version of the coin will be minted at the U.S. Mint in Denver, Colorado.

Design and Designers:

The obverse of the coin, designed by U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver Edgar Z. Steever, IV, depicts the north portico of the White House with "1792-1992" inscribed above, and "In God We Trust" inscribed below. "The White House" is inscribed around the top border of the coin, and "Liberty" at the bottom center.

REVERSE:

The reverse of the coin, designed by U.S. Mint Sculptor/Engraver Chester Y. Martin, features a bust of James Hoban, the original architect of the White House, and the main entrance he designed. "James Hoban" is inscribed beneath the bust, with "United States of America" along with the top border, and "One Dollar" at the bottom center. "E Pluribus Unum" appears at right.

A COMMITMENT TO PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

The interior of the White House did not always look as it does today. Not until 1961 was the museum character of the public rooms established by law. Since then, with the acquisition of furniture and paintings, the rooms have reflected the cultural heritage of America.

- The White House cornerstone was laid on October 13, 1792, supervised by the Irish architect James Hoban. Today, the engraved brass plate detailing the event remains buried within the stone walls.
- The White House Collection was begun in 1800 with the purchase of the Gilbert Stuart portrait of President George Washington that now hangs in the East Room.
- In 1961 a law was passed establishing the museum character of the public rooms, protecting the White House and its contents. In the same year, the Fine Arts Committee for the White House was formed. Later, President Lyndon Johnson made the White House curator a permanent position, and established the Committee for the Preservation of the White House.
- During President Nixon's administration, the restoration efforts focused on returning original furnishings to the White House, specifically early 19th century antiques and those commissioned by President James Monroe. The Ford and Carter administrations focused on the acquisition of fine art.
- President and Mrs. Bush are assisting The White House Endowment Fund in its efforts to raise funds as a permanent source for support of the White House Collection of fine art and historic furnishings, and for the maintenance of the historic public rooms.

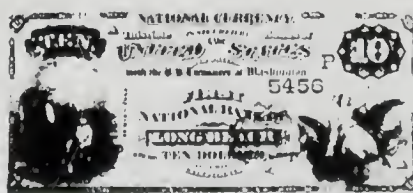
EDITOR'S NOTE: Acting Director of the Mint David J. Ryder announced on August 13, 1992, that the White House 200th Anniversary Coin had been sold out. The authorized maximum mintage of 500,000 coins, the lowest for a commemorative silver dollar in nearly a century, was sold in less than a four-week period at pre-issue prices.

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*The First National Bank
of Long Beach was chartered
in June, 1900 with a capital of
\$25,000.00 and was the second
bank in Long Beach. A six
story building was erected at
the Northwest corner of First
Street and Pine Avenue. And
still stands there today.*



*Sometime before Novem-
ber, 1920 the bank moved to
Fourth Street and Pine Avenue,
where it remained until it was
acquired by Bank One America
O.C. California in 1929.*

*The First National Bank
had issued \$19 million de-
notes after National Currency
during the '80s and that it
was the only National
National Currency from
bank Union's have arrived.*

National Currency, Series of 1882, "Brown Back"

Denom. \$5.00

"Franklin and building" the name and location of the Bank and "America and pine building"

Actual size x 3

Signature of Treasurer

J. W. Isaac, Register at the Treasury — Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer of the United States

Signature of Bank official

W. A. Kennedy, Cashier — J. B. Howard, President

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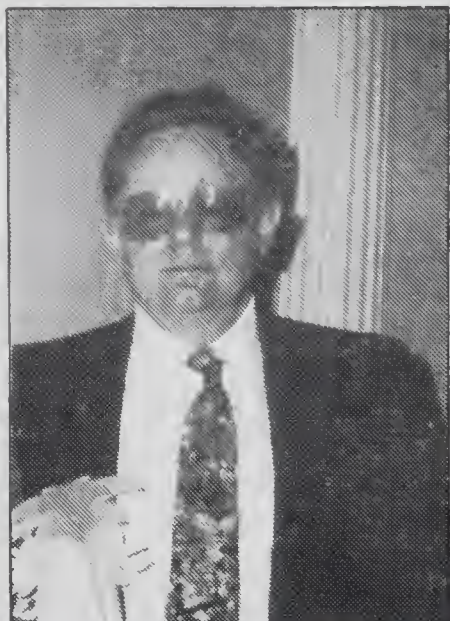
The Long Beach Coin Club for the first time has issued a souvenir card for the Fifteenth Annual Long Beach Numismatic & Philatelic Exposition.

The club is seeking a \$4.00 donation for regular cards and \$4.50 for cancelled cards with the numismatic stamp used. Only 250 cards were made for this year, and only 10 were cancelled at the show.

The cards are available from the Long Beach Coin Club, P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, Ca. 90808.



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



LAWRENCE PAUL BABER
CSNA R-2777

Native of San Diego, California, graduate of San Diego State University, BA in Accounting.

Larry married Cecilia Kim of Wahiawa (Hawaii) while in the Air Force in 1966. They have three children, Alan, Hililani, and Thomas. The family lived in Hawaii on the Island of Maui for eleven years, where Larry had his own accounting firm, as well as the Maui Coin Company. He is past president of the Maui Coin Club, and was on the Board of Governors of Hawaii State Numismatic Society for a number of years. He served as General Chairman of the American Numismatic Association 1983 Mid-winter convention held in Hawaii.

Larry now lives in El Cajon, CA, and is a partner in Certified Public Accounting firm of Leaf and Cole in San Diego. He has served on the Board, and is a past president of San Diego Numismatic Society, and is currently Treasurer of that organization. He served as a Governor for California State Numismatic Society, and past treasurer of the Token and Medal Society.

He is currently working as Exhibit Coordinator for the American Numismatic Association for the summer conventions. He is the sponsor of the Best in Show award for California State Numismatic Association.

He is a prolific numismatic exhibitor, and has won many Best in Show awards. He is a very knowledgeable numismatic speaker, and in 1990, was on the forum at the Canadian Numismatic Association convention, held in Vancouver, B.C.

Other interests include Boy Scouts and Larry has assisted many Scouts in achieving their numismatic merit badges. He conducted the Boy Scout program when the American Numismatic Association met in San Diego in 1990, for the Early Spring Convention.

His numismatic interests are general, but he especially favors medals and pattern coins by Charles Barber.

He is quite active in his Church, and many county activities; and is serving on the Holiday Bowl Committee each year.

It did seem sorta natural that he might gravitate towards numismatics, being somewhat exposed to it through his parents.

Dorothy and Al Baber

91st CONVENTION FRIDAY NITE FORUM

The Educational Forum for Friday evening will feature Gary Acquistapace speaking on Nevada Gaming Tokens as well as G. Lee Kuntz on the Bicentennial of the Cent.

The Moderator will be Stephen Huston. Be sure to attend!





Tom Fitzgerald
Staff Writer
CSNA #2074

Through the Numismatic Glass

“HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!”

Why is December 6th so important to the German child? After all, both American and German children celebrate Christmas on December 25th. But in Germany, Sankt Nikolaus (St. Nicholas) comes out of the woods and visits the children on the eve of December 6th, the feast of St. Nicholas. He brings gifts, usually minor ones, and asks the youngsters what they want for Christmas. Sometimes Sankt Nikolaus is accompanied on his ventures by “Knecht Rupprecht” (Boy Rupert), his helper. The “Christkind” (Christ child), who is never seen, may bring other presents at Christmas.

Thuringia is located in central Germany. The south and southeast are occupied by the Thuringian Forest. The towns in Thuringia are well known for their glass blowing industry and consequently for their glass Christmas tree ornaments. The tradition of Sankt Nikolaus was particularly strong in the towns since the Thuringia Forest must surely be the home in the woods of Sankt Nikolaus. And so it was in the Thuringian town of Neustadt in Saxe-Coblurg-Gotha.

Now step back in time to 1918. As you remember, the Germans had agreed to the Armistice of Compiegne on November 11, 1918. This was a bitter defeat after four and a half years of terrible warfare. With the German loss came the abdication of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha Duke Carl Eduard and financial chaos in a state of near anarchy. The local cities and districts began to issue their own promissory notes, often in the form of “Notgeld.” In less than a month, the feast of St. Nicholas (December 6th) would take place. The outlook for a happy visit from Sankt Nikolaus was grim indeed.



Leaning on a stout staff, Saint Nicholas, “Santa Claus” journeys through the snow on this 50-pfennig Notgeld note of December 1918, issued by the German town of Neustadt in Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Note the basket of gifts on Santa’s back, rather than the sack familiar to hopeful American children. The 95 by 60 millimeter blue and red note is typical of the 16 types of Christmas theme notgeld produced by German towns and cities in this period.

The local government of Neustadt discussed the plight of the children in this war-torn economy as well as the lack of joy and happiness that was so much a part of the holiday season. So on December 1, 1918, the burghers of the city of Neustadt printed and issued a small number of 50 pfennig notes, "good until three months after announcement in the local newspaper."

On the back of the note, in an attempt to assure the children that all is not loss and life will go on, is depicted Sankt Nikolaus, garbed in the well-known red-brown and white and black costume. The Saint trudges through the Thuringian snows toward his appointment with the youngsters of Neustadt. On his back is the familiar sack carrying the basket of gifts. The Saint would keep his appointments with the children. After all, war could not kill Saint Nicholas. Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!

The small 94 by 61 millimeter note is printed in multicolor on a grey-blue background. Each note bears the printed signatures of a member of the City Council and a machine-impressed control number. The front of the note bears the large arms of Neustadt, a black twin-tailed lion rampant on a field of gold. The note is quite scarce because, unlike so many later notgeld that was printed with the collector in mind, it was intended to satisfy currency needs and was thus circulated and consumed.

The Christmas theme was a frequent subject for the notgeld printers with at least 16 types being produced by the German and Austrian towns and cities in this period. Saint Nicholas became popular with the Dutch and because our Santa Claus who visits not on Saint Nicholas Eve of December 6th but Christmas eve.

25 YEAR MEDALS

MEMBERS AND CLUBS TO RECEIVE 25 YEAR MEDALS AT THE BANQUET SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1993

LIFE MEMBERS:

Bestpitch, Gerald, #R-1815	Life-21-2
Beretta, Vincent F., #R-1743	Life-21-3
Marx, Ralph J., #R-1820	Life-21-1
Hall, Albert K., #R-1719	Life-21-6
Ancient Coin Club of America, #C-1819, So. California Chapter	
Council of International Numismatics #C-1750	
Liberty Numismatic Society, #C-808	
Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles, #C-1742	
Martin, R. L., #R-1726	
Brower's Coin Shop (Geo. F. Brower), #R-1746	
Damon, L. Gaylord, #R-1764	
Hannick, June A., #R-1765	
Marks Coin Shop (Marcus C. Reaves), #R-1785	
Saller, Fritz K., #R-1808	
Warmus, James, #R-1817	
Zurawski, Stanley M., Jr., #R-1818	
Lundberg, L. L., #R-1832	
Spehn, William H., #1850	
Mirabella, Mathew J., #R-1861	
Post F. Martin, #R-1872	
Casalaina, Sally, #2046	
Causey, Bill, #1995	
Carson, Curtis, D., #1901	
Downing, Kenenth G., #1968	
Exidro, Manuel A., #1948	
Phillips, Ruth, #1942	
Price, B. L., #2020	
Strazzarino, Frank J., #2057	
Waldorf, James J., #2008	

25th ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20, 1993

Deisher, Hubbard, Rochette and Wilde Will Speak!

The CSNA 1993 Symposium scheduled for Day's Inn in Fullerton on March 20th is an exceptional event indeed! The activities commence at 10:00 a.m. with two speakers scheduled prior to lunch and two immediately following lunch. All four presenters will appear as a panel to field questions from the audience after the last orator. There are no sales; this is strictly an educational event and is absolutely FREE to anyone who wants to attend.

The California State Numismatic Association's Symposium is one of the few remaining bona fide educational programs sponsored by a collectors' organization. It all began when some CSNA members suggested such a possibility at the November, 1967 Convention at Disneyland. Maurice Gould was invited to prepare a proposal and he recommended to the May, 1968 Convention held in San Francisco that such a day be sponsored by the state organization.

The very first CSNA Symposium was held at the Walter H. Boyd Auditorium in Long Beach on March 22, 1969. The host was the Long Beach Coin Club, Maurice F. Jensen, President. The Speakers were Major Sheldon Carrol from Canada, Adna Wilde Jr., who at that time was the Executive Director of the ANA, Ralph "Curly" Mitchell and Miguel L. Munoz from Mexico. The Symposium Committee included Maurice M. Gould, Chairman, Charles M. Johnson (ANA Governor), Charles Colver and William O. Wisslead.

1993 ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

All agreed the 25th Anniversary called for a very special program. Speakers should represent the various facets of the hobby. One of our presenters should have appeared at our very first symposium. Someone should speak for the collectors, both foreign and the United States. The largest collector organization, the American Numismatic Association, should be invited as well as a spokesman for the numismatic press.

Beth Deisher, Editor of Coin World, will speak for the Numismatic Press. The role and impact of the weekly Coin Publication on the hobby for the past 25 years and what to look for in the future will be her topic. Clyde Hubbard from Mexico represents foreign numismatics. He will report on the Mexico City Mint, the first and oldest in the Western Hemisphere and the immense influence this institution had on all coinage in the New World. Ed Rochette, the President of the American Numismatic Association will talk about this fascinating and bewitching hobby. He knows more tales than most historians and is sure to please any audience. Adna Wilde appeared on our very first symposium as we celebrate with him his 25th anniversary as a speaker. A collector, he will tell the captivating story of the Counter-Marked Stone Mountain Commemorative Half Dollars. This program promises to have something for everyone.

WE CELEBRATE THE 25TH

Plans are being made to make this day a memorable one. Everyone in attendance for the day will be presented a special CSNA medal struck to commemorate the 25th Anniversary. A "History of the Symposium" is being written and will be included as part of the program. Those who join with the speakers for lunch will enjoy a culinary delight marking this special occasion.

Young Numismatists are encouraged and invited to attend. They will be the guests of the NASC for lunch and a number of gifts will be presented to them in the afternoon.

We are seeking "Patrons" for the 25th Symposium. You don't have to attend in order to be a "patron." Every patron will receive a special ribbon denoting their support plus the anniversary medal (whether you attend or not) and a chance to win a six-medal Symposium set (including the pure silver medal). This will be the one and only silver medal struck and thus a unique CSNA medal. The cost to be a patron is \$10. If you are interested contact Bill Grant at P.O. Box 295 in Patton, CA 92369. You may also become a patron on the day of the event.

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald
Chairman, CSNA Symposium

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*Held in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club's
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**January 22-24, 1993
Old San Jose Convention Center
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San Jose**

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Virginia M. Hall
Editor - Calcoin News
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Dear Virginia:

This is more than a casual observation!

Tough economic time for business, and individuals? *You bet!*

Has a good deal of it been brought on by our own poor work habits? *YOU HAD BETTER BELIEVE IT!*

We have enjoyed being in the coin & stamp business in Arcadia, Ca. for the last 30 years, and have learned the following:

Of over 150 first class letters we sent seeking to purchase items most coin & stamp dealers are glad to sell, *only* 2% had the courtesy to reply.

Then we purchased a FAX machine . . . things are going to be different we said. Ha! Over 200 FAX messages sent wanting to buy, less than 5% responded.

And now my "pet peeve." Of the many telephone calls we attempt, and where messages have to be left, maybe 50% return the calls.

Perhaps we are only old fashioned dreamers who long for the days of a person's word being the only thing necessary to complete a transaction. We grew up in the throes of the great depression, and were taught the ways of good business ethics. A telephone call was returned quickly, a letter was answered promptly, and honest straight forward dealings were the only way to do business.

Where did the "good ol' days go"?

Most sincerely,
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NUMISMATIC FACT

HOW MANY of us know how we (numismatists) came by our name? In early Babylonian days, the word "numis" meant seal or stamp, and many Babylonians carried a seal, to impress others. The plural for this was "numisma" and it was only a short step from that to the word "numismatist."

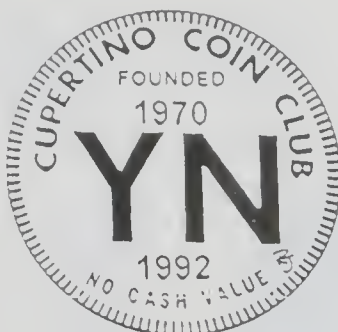
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The Treasury holds 261 million fine troy ounces in the official reserve stored at the Fort Knox Building Depository, other U.S. Mint locations and at the Federal Reserve. The Reserve is the largest official holding in the world. Since 1986, the Treasury has used a portion of the Reserve; 470,000 ounces, to produce commemorative coins. Of the six million ounces of gold used to produce the American Eagle Gold Bullion; only 281,612 ounces have been drawn from the Reserve. The Treasury is required by law to purchase newly-mined American gold for the Eagle coin, unless such gold is unavailable at the average world price.

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Cupertino Coin Club's Youth advisor Ronda Johnson announced that the club's YOUNG NUMISMATIST youth program is ready to go. At the Club's July meeting she distributed the first tokens to the lucky youth members who attended.

This is a new and exciting youth program to encourage youth members to earn credits (tokens) by keeping up their attendance, being an active member and completing projects and activities. Activities include bringing friends to the club meetings, helping out at meetings and the club's annual coin show, doing Show & Tell or completing any number of sets of coins and reporting on how it was accomplished. These YOUNG NUMISMATIST credits (tokens) can only be spent by youth members at club meetings for items in the auction, pay annual membership dues, buy raffle tickets, etc. This is not a contest, but a program where credits can be earned or spent throughout the year. The credits consist of 1-credit copper and 5-credit nickel tokens, one inch in diameter.

The YOUNG NUMISMATIST tokens are now for sale to the public. Collector Sets of a 1-credit copper and a 5-credit nickel are available for \$6.50 per set (includes postage) payable to: Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Attention: Youth Advisor.

WHERE DID THE POUND SIGN COME FROM

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In the days before there were banks, almost everybody who had money kept it in his own safe place. And he didn't count it — he weighed it. The ancient Romans used money-weighing scales which were called **Libra**, and when a pile of silver coins was weighed, they said "**libra pondo**."

After a time, Roman ideas and words traveled north to Europe. But, so far from home, the words did not remain quite the same. **Pondo** became **pound**. A pound came to be a unit of measure for money and also for ordinary things such as wheat or fish. Of course, a pound of silver coins was worth much more than a pound of fish.

Ideas about money changed slowly. Kings began to have coins made of silver mixed with a much cheaper metal. Now a pound of coins wasn't the same as a pound of silver. People stopped weighing their money, but they kept the word pound. And an English pound is still a money unit.

Meantime, the old Roman word for scales changed, too. **Libra** was shortened to **lb**. Written in small letters like that, it meant pounds of ordinary things — 2 lb. butter, for example. But when a book-keeper wrote down a sum of money, small letters were not important enough. He made a big capital **L**, then added a little extra flourish, making **£**.

HISTORY OF THE CSNA MEDALLIONS

By Virginia Hall

Photos by William O. Wisslead



1978 — SAN FRANCISCO

The 62nd Convention was held at the Jack Tar Hotel April 21-23 with O. L. Wallis as General Chairman. The California Octagonal Gold Piece of 1878 is the center device as suggested by O. L. Wallis.

The host club was the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Quantity Struck: 1350 Golden Bronze
110 .999 Fine Silver
100 Oxidized Bronze

1978 — LOS ANGELES

The 63rd Convention was held at the Airport Marina Hotel October 27-29 with Phil Iversen as General Chairman. The medal shows a mission by the side of The Kings Highway. The main device is an El Camino Real bell on a standard such as seen along the highway in early California.

The medal was designed by General Chairman, Phil Iversen.

The host clubs for the convention were the Bay Cities Coin Club and the Culver City Coin Club.

Quantity Struck: 1770 Golden Bronze
103 .999 Fine Silver



1979 — SAN FRANCISCO

The 64th Convention was held at the Jack Tar Hotel April 20-22 with O. L. Wallis as General Chairman. The theme of the convention was "Nautical Numismatics" and the medal shows Old Ironsides in full sail which was designed by O. L. Wallis.

The host club was the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Quantity Struck: 1650 Golden Bronze
111 .999 Fine Silver





1979 — ANAHEIM

The 65th Convention was held at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel on October 26-28. Elizabeth L. Wisslead served as General Chairman. The theme of the convention was the United States Dollars. The medal featured dollars from the Flowing Hair through the Susan B. Anthony. The designer was Elizabeth L. Wisslead.

The host club was the Orange County Coin Club.

Quantity Struck: 1810 Golden Bronze
127 .999 Fine Silver

1980 — SAN FRANCISCO

The 66th Convention was held at the Jack Tar Hotel May 2-4. Serving as General Chairman was again, O. L. Wallis. The theme was Olympic Numismatics as shown by the medal which featured a reproduction of one of the earliest coins with an Olympic motif — a silver tetradrachme of Phillip II issued in 356 B.C. The design was suggested by O. L. Wallis.

The host clubs were the San Francisco Coin Club and the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Quantity Struck: 1895 Golden Bronze
103 .999 Fine Silver



1980 — SAN DIEGO

The 67th Convention was held at the Bahia Hotel October 10-12. Paul Moulton was the General Chairman. The theme of the convention was Columbus To The Stars. The convention medal featured The STAR OF INDIA in full sail. The design was by Paul Moulton and his committee.

The host club was the San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council.

Quantity Struck: 2000 Golden Bronze
100 .999 Fine Silver





NORTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: AL LO, CSNA #5174

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) membership is open to anyone, individual or club. The motto of the organization is "To Promote and Serve Northern California Numismatics." Those seeking membership are asked to remit dues, \$5.00 for individuals, \$10.00 for clubs, to: Edward Sins, NCNA Membership, P.O. Box 5075, San Jose, Ca. 94150. Include a name and mailing address. With membership comes an educational and informative publication, "NCNA Heads and Tales," every January, May, and September which contains information about member clubs, an NCNA Club Show Directory, and a thought provoking editorial.

ATTENTION JUNIORS, WE WANT YOU . . .

San Jose Coin Club Junior Vice President MICHAEL SCHAUF chaired a very successful August Annual Junior Program. The Junior membership drive successfully signed up 9 new members. Newly instituted Junior meetings start at 7 p.m., a half-an-hour before the regular meetings. Special youth oriented programs and speakers have generated new junior interest in numismatics.

Keeping the adults interested have been talks by San Jose's most senior member, PROFESSOR CHARLES KAPPEN, who spoke on "So-called Dollars" at the July meeting. Professor Kappen supplemented his talk with his extensive display of California Mid-winter Exposition pieces. In September, RON MILLER looked into his crystal ball to see "Coin Collecting in the year 2000" and emphasized the need for growth in the hobby.

ROCKMAN COLLECTS HONORS!!

Congratulations to youngest *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society* member MATHEW ROCKMAN who was named the ANA's Outstanding Young Numismatist of the year. Mathew also appeared in the ANA World Series of Numismatics and with teammates ANTHONY SWIA-TEK and DAVID ALEXANDER took first place. His exhibits at the ANA show won several awards in the Young Numismatists category. Congratulations MATHEW!

The PCNS August meeting featured articles, books, newsletters, and other types of favorite or useful numismatic writings. Many members brought favorite books dealing with a wide variety of subjects: ancient Greek coins, English and Celtic Coinage of Britain, Polish reference books, world atlas, California gold, and silver dollars. Well-known numismatic author, DAVID W. LANGE, brought the manuscript to his soon to be published book, "The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels."

HOW DO YOU DO IT, AL?

Liberty Numismatic Society's AL "Lucky" LILLE must be living right. He has won the "Coin of the Month" drawing for 3 consecutive months. Have you been to Reno lately, Al?

Long time member and coin dealer PETER HAMILTON described "Changing Times in the Hobby" at September's meeting. Using old coin albums and seldom seen books, Peter reminisced about his early days as a collector and coin dealer during the 1970's.

SAME TIME, DIFFERENT PLACE!

The *Cupertino Coin Club* has changed meeting locations and now meets at Collins Elementary School, 10401 Vista Drive, Cupertino. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. with an auction followed by Show & Tell, a guest speaker, a raffle and free refreshments. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Cupertino Coin Club meetings have been very interesting with speeches like DAVE CIENIEWICZ'S entertaining talk on "Ships and Boats on Coins, Medals, and Tokens" and DON BARSÌ'S talk on "Sunnyvale and Cupertino Tokens." In September, BOB TOPOR tried to stump members with numismatic and Cupertino Coin Club trivia questions in his Coin Quiz-O-Rama. A successful joint picnic was held with the SAN JOSE COIN CLUB in August and the 8th Annual Banquet was held in October.

WHAT'S STEWART UP TO???

Diablo Numismatic Society's STEWART HUCKABY not only writes a mean newsletter but also provided the informative and entertaining questions for the August meeting's "Stewart's Super Quiz" despite being (as he states) in Giants Shock! (S.F. Giants being sold!) Stewart must not have thrown many curves because KARL MANTHI hit him hard, getting 18 correct answers out of 21 — an .857 batting average. CHUCK WHITE was September's speaker who spoke on ancient coins. Chuck also brought a good display of coins for all to enjoy.

WHERE'S EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY & NOBODY

ROGER LYLES of the *Fremont Coin Club* won the Best of Show award for his "Coins of Yesteryear" display at the Fremont Coin Club's August coin show. Other Winners were: 1st - "Animals on Coins" by GLEN JACOB, 2nd - "Olympic Coins" by CHUCK WHITE, 3rd - "United States MPC" by KEVIN MALLOY, and 4th - "Shell Oil Coins" by DON BARSÌ. Recent speakers were GARY ACQUISTAPACE on "Gaming Tokens Part 2" at the August meeting and KEN BARR in July. Ken's topic was "Numismatic Potpourri" where he emphasized the fun of collecting items other than just coins, and stressed

that "Numismatics is much more than just dates and mint marks."

And from CARL S. regarding the plight of all clubs in trying to recruit club officers:

Once upon a time, there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Nobody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody didn't do it.

It ended by Everybody blaming Somebody when, actually, Nobody could accuse Anybody.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER . . .

Round-table discussions at the *San Francisco Coin Club* have helped its members learn things about themselves as well as about other members. MICHAEL TURRINI'S July discussion topic, "What Numismatics has done for Us," was very interesting. Also interesting as well as informative was PAUL HOLTZMAN'S August meeting talk, "Knowledge is Power" as related to coin collecting. He presented an interesting perspective. A very popular subject, "Civil War Tokens," was presented by SFCC past president DAVE CIENIEWICZ in September.

JUNK SILVER . . . TO MAKING YOUR OWN MONEY!

Junk Silver was the answer to LOREN GAITHER'S question "How I Got Started Collecting Coins" which appeared in the *Fresno Numismatic Society* newsletter. From there Loren graduated to Bowers & Ruddy's "Coin of the Month" program followed by receiving the family jewels — coins that grandmother and Dad had set aside, 3 cent pieces, 2 cent piece, 2½ gold piece, half cents, etc. He was hooked on coins!

Other hooked members are DENNIS OLSWANG who showed his "Early Commemorative Canadian Silver Dollars: 1935-1967" at the July meeting. Desert Storm veteran PHIL NORDIN'S "Philippine Numismatics" talk was educational and entertaining at the August meeting. In September, "Gobrecht: The Designer" was BRIAN LENTELL's topic.

BILL FEBUARY was the sparkplug who organized the September 18th bus trip to the San Francisco Mint for 25 enthusiastic people. Each of the participants got to stamp their own coin at the mint. Now, that's what I call "making money" said LOREN GAITHER.

MINT BUS SPECIAL

The *Gateway Coin Club* ran a "Mint Bus Special" and picked up 15 new members. The trip to the San Francisco Mint to help celebrate the 200th birthday of the U.S. Mint System was super. Two bus loads went from Merced, one on Saturday, August 22nd and a second on Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the tour through the mint.

Other activities included Vice President's CARMEN DE BELLA'S Surprise Quiz in August, a slide show on coin grading in October, and videos of the August Club picnic at the September meeting.

YOUTH PROGRAM GOING STRONG!!

LEE GONG, the new Youth Director of the *Record Empire Coin Club* continues to write enthusiastic reports about their new Youth Program. "Our last youth meeting was a terrific success. The turn out was great. There were seven members present. Their enthusiasm and involvement is overwhelming. It's so great to see so many young ones interested in our terrific hobby," writes Lee. There are now 11 youth members in the club.

Secretary GUY SHAPPY writes that they had another good coin show. Although the attendance was not large, the collector was there, buying, selling, and training. MIKE BURTON also exhibited his Display of Ancients at the October meeting for those who missed it at the show.

NIGHTS OF THE ROUND-TABLE . . .

Peninsula Coin Club members received second chances of winning from their Shell Oil "Collector Coins." For bringing ten or more "coins" to the August meeting, each member received a nominal prize and the "lucky" grand prize winner received a 1992 silver eagle.

In addition to having a numismatic theme for its meetings, PCC now has a round-table discussion theme. All mem-

bers are encouraged to relate their experiences on current topics as grading coins, coin mail order experiences, and cleaning/preserving coins. Discussion has been educational and controversial at times!

STIFF COMPETITION AT SSRC

Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) members are very artistic and creative in their medal designs for their two current medal programs. Sixteen designs were submitted by five members. From the stiff competition, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, emerged as the winner of the Columbus Quincentenary medal. The 1992 "Desert Warfare" medal, 4th medal in the World War II Fiftieth Anniversary Silver Round Series, was designed by MICHAEL TURRINI.

Plans are being made to celebrate the Club's 10th Anniversary in 1993. A review of the Club's records show that the following members are Charter Members who have maintained continuous membership since the founding of the Club in 1983 — BILL MILLS, JESUS PADILLA, MICHAEL TURRINI, MARIE WILLIAMS, and TONY WONG.

FREE COIN GRADING . . .

The *Sacramento Valley Coin Club's (SVCC)* 35th Annual Fall Coin-O-Rama in November featured MARY SULLIVAN, representing the American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS), who graded coins for attendees and presented a slide-illustrated numismatic program on both days of the show.

The SVCC Newsletter continues to have very well-written, informative articles. MERLE COOVER'S "Gold Through the Ages" was another of those enjoyable articles. Guest speakers have also provided interesting and educational programs — CHARLIE BLIM, "Dichotomies of American Colonial Coinage"; "Counterfeit Detection — Nickels — History and Grading"; BO BORICH, "Counterfeit Detection — Gold \$1.00 through \$5.00" and "Counterfeit Detection — Gold \$10.00 through \$20.00.

LISTEN CAREFULLY, THERE'LL BE A QUIZ!

Received one newsletter from the *Livermore Valley Coin Club* which said that

October's meeting featured a two-part Columbian Exposition program. DOUG DANIELS spoke on "The Columbian Exposition" followed by a QUIZ, "The Columbian Exposition!" WOW! Just like going to school! However the prize was a Columbian coin.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB meets in the Livermore Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

IF YOU CAN'T STAMP THEM OUT...

The *Vallejo Numismatic Society* commemorated Christopher Columbus' Quincentenary by holding a joint meeting with the Vallejo Stamp Club on October 7th. Every member of both clubs who attended received special commemorative wooden dollars, a cancelled cover, and a cancelled souvenir card. Distinguished California coin hobbyist, DAVE CIENIEWICZ, presented a slide-illustrated program titled "Ships on Coins," which was enjoyed by all.

Another special night was September's "Peace Dollar Night" where renowned numismatic scholar, DAVID W. LANGE, gave a fine educational presentation on Peace Silver Dollars. An enjoyable "Pasta Dinner Night" was held in July where CHUCK WHITE, well-known coin hobbyist and active coin show exhibitor, was presented two awards, President's Award and Peoples' Choice, for his excellent exhibits at VNS'S 1992 Show.

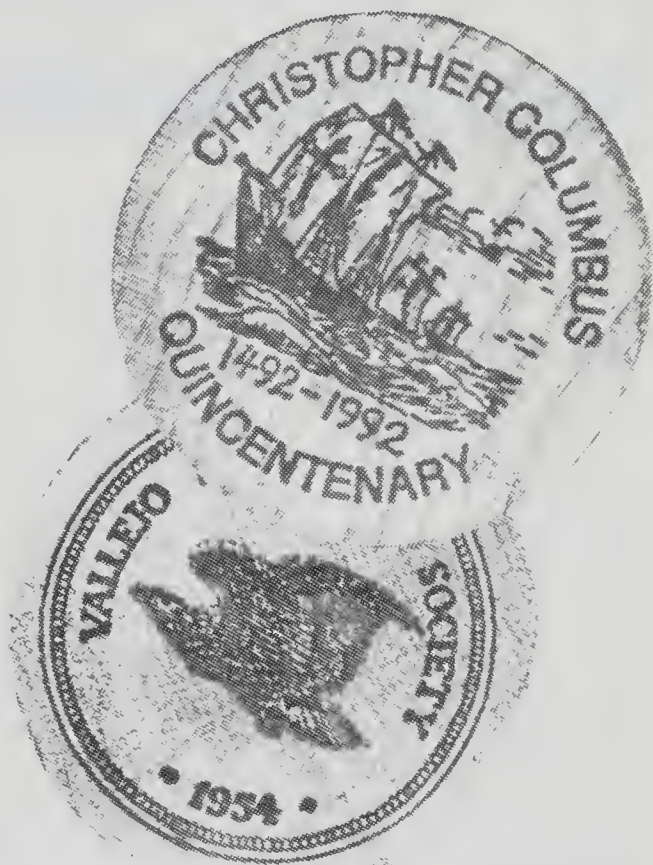
SELL TICKETS, WIN PRIZES!

Delta Coin Club held a very successful October Coin Show that featured a 38 coin raffle — \$10 & \$5 Liberty gold, 3 Carson City silver dollars, 5 — 1/10th ounce gold eagles and 28 silver eagles as prizes. Incentives to sell tickets started with winning a free ticket to the annual January dinner to 1/4 ounce gold eagles. Would you believe that selling 500 tickets gave the seller approximately \$250 worth of prizes?

EXOTIC NIGHTS IN FAIRFIELD

The *Fairfield Coin Club* knows how to have entertaining and exotic meetings — 4th Annual Luau Night in July, Annual Hotdog Night in August and Columbus Night in October. Columbus Night featured a "Columbian Exposition and It's Collectibles" program and a Columbus theme Show & Tell.

A successful September 3rd Annual Coin Show was enhanced by well-known numismatic writer, DAVID W. LANGE'S talk and slide presentation on the San Francisco Mint. Also on the program was the "History of Wells-Fargo Company" presentation by ROBERT CHANDLER, senior research for Wells-Fargo who also shared his display of Wells-Fargo artifacts.



QUINCENTENARY WOODEN DOLLAR

This wooden dollar, the *first-ever* issued by the Vallejo Numismatic Society commemorates the Quincentenary Meeting sponsored by the club on October 7th to celebrate the Five Hundredth (500th) Anniversary, 1492-1992, of Christopher Columbus' epic voyage of discovery.

The wooden dollar is printed in blue color both sides with a mintage of just five hundred (500). The reverse is a design created by Floyd Becker, long-time respected wood designer for the Club and features Columbus' famous ships sailing West. The obverse is the club logo.

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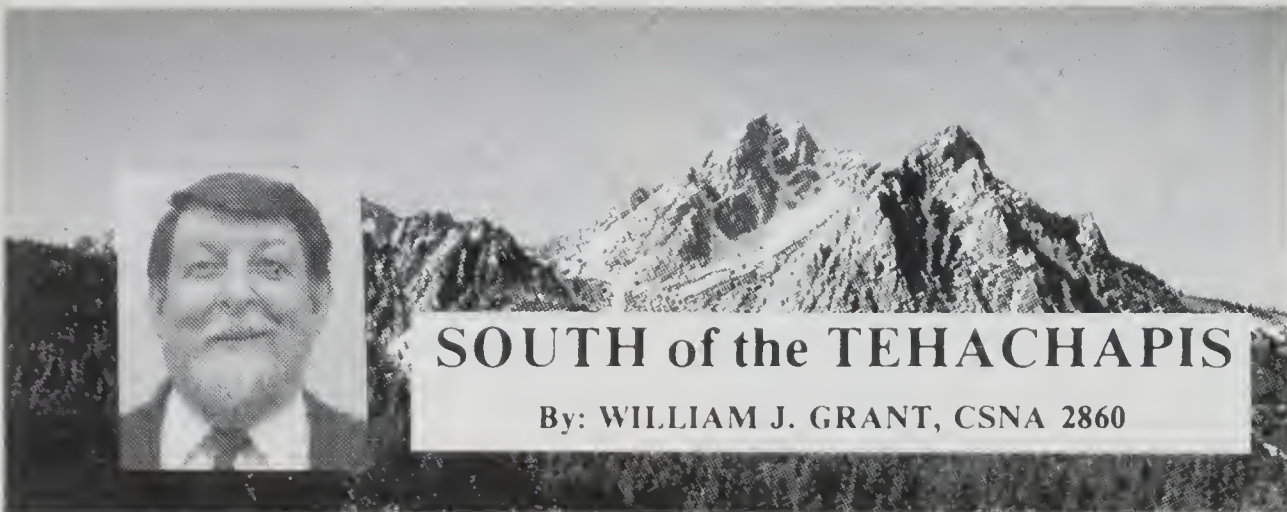
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SOUTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: WILLIAM J. GRANT, CSNA 2860

STURGESS' CELEBRATE 50 YEARS TOGETHER

Norm and Bess Sturgess celebrated 50 years of marriage in September. Norm is San Bernardino's Treasurer and Bess is in charge of Refreshments. Congratulations to you both. . . . A badge drawing in August netted a surprised Audrey Dale with a 1969 Proof Set. . . . In the spirit of giving, the SBCCC donated a sum of money to the Landers/Yucca Valley Earthquake Relief Fund. . . . Its Thanksgiving Baskets time again, and this year Norman Curlett will be collecting food stuffs and money for this worthy cause. . . . SBCCC 30th annual Coin and Baseball Show will take place on January 3, 1993. This year the club is expanding the Sport Card section to accommodate more dealers. . . . Club Member Bill Floto of Las Vegas, Nevada has attended several meetings this past summer (over 225 miles away).

Other Hobbies was the August program with 19 members participating. In September Past President Al Hall presented an excellent slide program on the life of Christopher Columbus, with many pieces of Columbus memorabilia on display. October was Super Auction night, however, it was not the super auction of past years since less than 25% of 200 lots were sold.

TAMS HONORS AL BABER

Al Baber of the San Diego Numismatic Society (SDNS) was presented the MEDAL OF MERIT from the Token and Medal Society at their annual banquet. The award is TAMS highest honor. Al is a dedicated Numismatist who is deserving of this recognition. Congratulations Al. . . . SDNS is looking for a design for its 1993 COINA-

RAMA medal, and since there is no medal theme, an artist has many options. . . . SDNS will receive \$200.00 from the profits of the 1992 COINARAMA. . . . SDNS Bulletin reports the passing of long time friend and club member Ruth Gutschow. Our condolences to the family.

Programs during the period were: "Military Payment Currency" by Matt Koszka. "My favorite Coin" by club members during September and in October Jim Hunt presented "Bechtler Gold."

COLLECTOR OF THE REALM

Club Editor Lynda Richard is back after a period of illness and the club bulletin is again going out to its members. Glad you are back and keep the bulletin coming to me too. Steve Albanese was the speaker at the October meeting. . . . The Collectors of the Realm meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at The Elegant Manor, 3115 West Adams Boulevard in Los Angeles 90018. Al C. Strange president.

LONG BEACH CLUB

President Arri Jacob presented a slide show on "Hard Times Tokens" at the August meeting. In September club members had a "Show and Tell Program."

An Old Fashioned Pie Baking Contest was the program in October. The winner receiving \$10.00, while 2nd & 3rd received \$5.00 & 2.50 respectively. . . . Club member Mark Miller passed away on May 27 as a result of an automobile crash. Our sympathy to the family. . . . Don Carmody is recovering nicely after having colon surgery. We know he is doing well because he was at his usual table during the Long Beach Expo. GOOD SHOW!

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB

We are glad to hear William O. Wisslead (WOW) is out and about again after his bout of kidney stones, and wife Elizabeth Wisslead has finally beat the "Flu Bug" and is up once again. You can't keep those two down for long!

WOW presented a program on "The Story of the Saint-Gaudens Twenty Dollar Gold Piece" at the August meeting. Angus E. Bruce of Hemet, CA had the honors in September, he spoke on "Philippine Emergency and Guerrilla Currency of WWII." In October Phil Iversen spoke on Exonumia, Part two.

KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS HONORS MARY COLVER

Covina Coin Club member Mary Colver was honored at the ANA convention in Orlando, Florida when Krause Publications presented her with the NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR award. Congratulations Mary. By the way Mary's husband Charles G. Colver was the very first person to receive the NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR award in 1974. Since then over 200 numismatist have been so honored.

Ed Ellis gave the August program, his topic "Pearl Harbor," Ed was a bugler on the Tangier, and talked about his on hand account of the attack. In September Roy Iwata presented a slide program on "Liberty Cap and Numismatics. Other Hobby Night was the program in October.

CULVER CITY RELEASES 11TH SOUVENIR CARD

Culver City Coin Club (CCCC) has issued its 11th souvenir card. This year's card commemorates the 101st ANA Convention in Orlando, Florida. Only 100 of the cards are available. . . . Andrew Portnoy spoke to the club in August on his numismatic endeavors. He is currently a Freshman at Brown University.

John Lenker was the September Speaker, his favorite topic "Odd and Curious Money. "The King of Siam Legend" was Hal Stanbridge topic at the October meeting.

INSLA

INSLA was pleased to report that the renewal rate of members was 100 per cent for 1992. . . . August program was a AINA audio-visual program titled "Coins &

Medals of Historical Cities of Israel." An excellent program, produced by Benjamin Abelson. A slide program from the AINA film library was the program for September. The title for the program "Jewish Medals of Interest," by Stanley Yulish. Jerry Yahalom had the speaking honors at the October meeting when he presented a slide program "The Gates of Jerusalem." An enjoyable program on the historical Jerusalem gates.

DOWNEY CLUB CHANGES MEETING TIME

The Downey Numismatists have changed their meeting time to 7:30 p.m. Their monthly meeting takes place at Cal Federal, 8211 Firestone Blvd. in Downey. . . . In September President Donald Bach presented a program of United States Commemoratives.

REDLANDS JOHN LENKER RECOVERING FROM SURGERY

John Lenker had extensive surgery at the Balboa U.S. Navy Hospital in San Diego in early October. He is doing well, and he is out of the hospital after a two week stay. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . . John and Kay Lenker were honored as ANA's Outstanding District Delegates for the past year during the 101st annual convention in Orlando, Florida. Congratulations to you both. In addition, Kay received two exhibit awards (1st & 2nd place).

In September John Lenker presented a Primitive Money slide program. L. George Mouhtouris of Hemet spoke in October, his topic "Buying Coins from the U.S. Mint."

WHITTIER CLUB CELEBRATES 33RD ANNIVERSARY

Whittier Coin Club celebrated its 33rd birthday on September 11 with a Potluck Buffet. Members were asked to bring in memories of the past for a show and tell. Guest speaker was ANA Regional Coordinator Helen Carmody. Helen spoke on "Commemorabilia." . . . Past President Roy Robbins passed away on July 19, 1992. Our condolences to the family.

Dennis Rainey of Long Beach spoke and showed slides on "Animals on Coins" during the August meeting. In October a Whittier Police Officer gave an interesting program of "Security in the Home."

BAY CITIES

Members enjoyed a two part program of "The Glories of Ancient Greece Through its Coinage" during August and September. A special pictorial program on Greek Coins that reflected the beauty of coins through history. . . . Albert Hall presented a slide program on the Columbian Exposition and the life of Christopher Columbus at the October meeting. A most topical program in honor of the 500th anniversary of the landing in the new world. . . . The Bay Cities Coin Club has one of the most interesting bulletins around. Its a little short on club information but long on interesting articles.

SANTA BARBARA CLUB CHANGES ADDRESS

The Santa Barbara Coin Club has changed its mailing address to P.O. Box 6206, Santa Barbara, California 93160. . . . At the August meeting a slide program on U.S. Commemorative half dollars was the program of the night.

In September not one but two speakers had the honors: Joe Harwin discussed "Mint State Coins from Carson City," and Nathan Culbertson spoke on "Coins of the World Wildlife Federation." Bob Barber conducted a coin auction at the October meeting. Members were asked to bring in a maximum of five coins.

UPLAND CLUB CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The Upland Coin Club celebrated its 35th birthday in August with a potluck dinner. No special program was planned, however, BINGO was played and prizes awarded.

Club Secretary Ethel Lenhart had the speaker honors in September, her topic "The Four Faces of Freedom." This program was about Mt. Rushmore and the men behind its construction. In October Mr. Albert Hall spoke on "The First U.S. Mint, 1792-1832." Since the mint is celebrating 200 years this year, a most topical program.

SCANS

Professor Clide Foss spoke to club members in August on the "Historical Roman Coins." Professor Foss is the author of a recently published book: "Historical Roman Coins." At the September meeting

Larry Adams spoke and showed slides on "Gold and Electrum Coinage of Carthage." There was no meeting scheduled for October.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS

After hearing Gary Johnson talk on the renovation of the Old Santa Fe Rail Road Station, and the fund raising of the labeled brick project, the club voted to support the project by purchasing a brick.

"Creating America's Coins" was David Larsen's topic for the August meeting. The program for September was "Other Hobbies." A great selection of hobbies were on display from pieces of eight to English Fine China. For the October meeting, White Elephant sale is the order of the day. A quote from the club bulletin "bring your valuable trash" for the sale.

VERDUGO HILLS

Long Time member Chester Watkins passed away on July 23, 1992. Our sympathies to the family. . . . Mrs. Eunice Alter was the guest speaker in August, her topic P.N.C.'s. Showing many of the PNC's she has in her extensive collection. Michael Aron spoke and answered questions on many areas of the Numismatic World at the September meeting. Walter Ostromecki had the speaking honors in October, and since VHCC met on Columbus Day it was most appropriate that he spoke on Columbus.

775TH CONSECUTIVE MEETING FOR L.A. COIN CLUB

August 7th, 1992 marked the date the LACC celebrated their 775th consecutive meeting. No less than 75 members including 14 past presidents representing a period from 1959 to date were on hand to celebrate the gala event. Dr. Shelby Wagner had the honors of guest speaker, in addition the past presidents reflecting on the clubs history.

In September LACC had a rare coin auction conducted by Michael Aron. CSNA President Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald talked to the club in October, his topic "Fractional Currency."

LITTON COIN CLUB ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Litton Coin Club elected the following officers for the term of 1992-1993:

President, Walter Wagner; Vice president, Bill Pagel; and for Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Buck. . . . A 25th ANA membership plaque was presented to the club by club founder Stan Gustafson at the September meeting.

A slide program on Famous Women of Coins and Medals was the program for August, Greek Coins, Part I and II was the programs for September and October meetings.

FONTANA CLUB

Four hundred and one (401) wheat cents were given away at the August meeting honoring the 401st club meeting. It took 8 draws before past President Tony Micciche took the bag of cents. . . . FUN made a money donation to the Landers/Yucca Valley Earthquake Relief Fund.

Other Hobbies was the program for the August meeting. At the September meeting Albert Hall showed the film "The Granite Lady." The Annual Display competition took place in October. The winner will be announced at the December pot-luck dinner. Nona Moore will present the winner with the Nona Moore Display Trophy.

NOTE: In an effort to try and save the San Gabriel Valley Coin Club. A meeting has been set for November; it is hoped that the club can be saved with the help of old and potential new members. GOOD LUCK.



The Heartland Coin Club of El Cajon, Ca. has issued its 1992 medal set. The club by-laws require that the subject of club medals feature an event or a landmark within the membership area. The current medal features the Bostonia Store which was the first general merchandise store in the Bostonia area. The store is shown next to the post office and there is a horse and buggy in front. Legend reads First in Bostonia, Second at Broadway.

One hundred 4-piece sets were struck, each set is composed of one bright silver, one antique silver, one golden bronze and one oxidized bronze. The silver medals are one ounce, .999 fine silver. All medals are 39mm in diameter. The four-piece set is available for \$25.00 plus \$2.00 postage and insurance from Heartland Coin Club, Box 608024, San Diego, Ca. 92160.

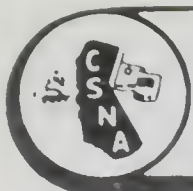
200 YEARS OF AMERICAN CENTS

The San Bernrdino County Coin Club has issued their 1993 medals in commemoration of the U.S. Cent 1793-1993.

The Flowing Hair design is shown along with the Lincoln profile, with a Flying Eagle above. There are thirteen stars symbolizing the original colonies. The medal was designed by SBCCC Past President, William J. Grant. The legend at the bottom promoted the club show for 1993.

The medal was struck in .999 fine silver, golden bronze, oxidized bronze. The 3-piece set is available for \$22.00 post paid from Albert K. Hall, P.O. Box 1028, Colton, Ca. 92324. The golden bronze is \$1.75 postpaid and the oxidized bronze is \$2.50 postpaid from the same address.





Who's Who Over the Years

"Who's Who in California Numismatics" became a regular feature of the magazine in May, 1950. Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, first president, led the Who's Who list. Others appearing in the spotlight from 1950 to date have been:

Aby, Dr. Charles W. - Summer 1974
Acquistapace, Gary - Summer 1988
Alexander, Sol - Winter 1964
Arietta, David - Fall 1985
Ayers, Gilvin - Summer 1981

Baber, Albert - Fall 1965
Baber, Dorothy - Spring 1974
Baber, Lawrence - Winter 1992
Bar, Ken - Spring 1985
Basso, Aldo P. - Spring 1969
Beaulieu, Dorothy - Fall 1961
Beaulieu, L. Eldon - Spring 1963
Bennett, George - Winter 1960
Beretta, Vincent - Winter 1973
Bergen, Herbert - November 1953
Berman, Bob - Summer 1972
Betton, James Jr. - Fall 1967
Bingham, Stewart - May 1951
Borack, Paul - Winter 1987
Borgolte, Peggy - Winter 1966
Bower, Dr. N. A. - May 1952
Bowker, H. G. - Spring 1961
Boydston, John - Fall 1989
Brainard, Grace - Fall 1961
Brainard, Karl - November 1957
Bressett, Ken - Spring 1989
Briggs, James R. - Fall 1971
Bruce, Angus - Fall 1988
Bryce, Maxine - Fall 1976
Burke, Barbara - Spring 1980
Burke, Bryan - July 1959
Burns, Don - Spring 1991

Carey, Michael - September 1952
Case, Thelma - November 1954
Carmody, Don - Summer 1991
Carmody, Helen - Summer 1991
Christensen, Alva - Summer 1966
Cieniewicz, David - Spring 1988
Claveria, Frederico - Summer 1968
Cobb, John - Summer 1967
Coffing, Courtney - Spring 1983
Colver, Charles - Winter 1961
Colver, Mary - Summer 1984

Coops, Fred W. Jr. - Spring 1986
Culver, Virginia - Spring 1966
Curlett, Kim - Summer 1989
Curtis, Dr. C. Glenn - July 1953
Cutler, Mrs. Harry - Winter 1966

Davidson, Harry - March 1956
Dittrich, Walter - Winter 1982
Draper, Fred - March 1954
Dunklee, Corinne - Spring 1976
Dunklee, Howard - Spring 1976

Eaton, Gilbert - January 1955
Edgerton, Catharine - Fall 1969
Edgerton, Stuart - Fall 1969
Emmons, Dr. Calvert - May 1950
Endler, R. Paul - Spring 1971

Fies, John - Summer 1970
Fitzgerald, Dr. Thomas - Summer 1979
Floto, Sally - Fall 1991
Floto, William - Fall 1991
Fogler, Edward - March 1953
Fulwider, Ed - Spring 1981
Fulwider, Lori - Fall 1982

Galvin, Frank - May 1956
Gans, Edward - November 1959
Garside, Joseph - Fall 1970
Gjurovich, Rudy - September 1955
Gould, Maurice - Spring 1973
Greene, Gordon Z. - Winter 1969
Grant, Freydis - Spring 1987
Grant, William - Fall 1985

Haffner, Sylvia - Winter 1972
Hall, Albert - Summer 1976
Hall, Virginia - Summer 1975
Hamm, Paul - Summer 1960
Harley, Dan - Spring 1960
Hatch, Grant - March 1958
Heller, Henry - Fall 1975
Hill, Roy - September 1953
Hill, T. Kirk - July 1958
Hogue, William - Winter 1963

Holtzman, Dr. Paul - Spring 1984
Hooker, Denis - Spring 1975
Hunt, James - Winter 1980
Huntington, Harry - Winter 1978
Huntington, Rose - Spring 1979
Huston, Stephen - Fall 1992
Hutt, Cecelia - Fall 1962
Hutt, William - Fall 1962
Hyde, Barbara - Fall 1972

Iversen, Philip - Fall 1978
Iwata, Roy - Summer 1992

Johnson, Charles - May 1958
Johnston, Eugene - January 1953
Jones, Charles - Fall 1964
Jones, Frances - July 1955

Kaplun, Harry - Fall 1963
Kappen, Charles V. - November 1951
Katzman, Harold - Spring 1992
Kestner, Brian - Winter 1984
Kiser, Charles - January 1952
Knickerbocker, Irving - Summer 1963
Knickerbocker, Mattie - Fall 1961
Kosoff, Abe - July 1957
Kriesberg, Abner - March 1957
Kroeger, Jerry - Fall 1966
Kuntz, G. Lee - Fall 1979

Lange, David - Winter 1989
Lee, Kenneth - March 1952
Lee, William - Summer 1969
Lebold, Richard - Winter 1979
Lenhert, Ethel - Winter 1974
Lenker, John - Spring 1970
Liss, Clifford - September 1958
Liss, Irene - Spring 1977
Lo, Al - Winter 1990
Lodge, Lesley - May 1955
Ludwigsen, Ruth - Spring 1972

Marx, Ralph - Fall 1968
Marx, Sally - Fall 1968
McArthur, Robert - September 1951
McClung, Ed - Fall 1974
Messick, Elizabeth - Summer 1986
Messick, Levin - Summer 1986
Miller, Ron - Winter 1991
Mitchell, Ralph - October 1950
Moore, George E. III - Summer 1990
Moore, Nona - Fall 1966
Moulton, Paul - Fall 1980

Nemez, Loura - Winter 1971
Ney, Pauline - Fall 1961

Noga, Joan - Fall 1990
Northam, Kay - Winter 1988

Ogilvie, Jack - Summer 1973
Ohls, John - May 1954
Olswang, Dennis - Summer 1962
Osborne, L. Winn - November 1958
Ostrom, Everett - July 1951
Ostromecki, Marin - Winter 1986
Ostromecki, Dr. Walter - Summer 1982

Panosh, Anna M. - Fall 1961
Panosh, Leonel - July 1950
Parker, Earl - July 1952
Patterson, Robert - September 1954
Paxman, Dr. Curtis - March 1959
Phillips, S. Everett - Spring 1965
Porter, Dr. Ray - May 1959
Pruitt, Norman - January 1959

Read, Clay - Summer 1978
Redfield, David - January 1951
Reiswig, D. L. (Ace) - Spring 1967
Reiter, Michael - Spring 1985
Reppeteau, Larry - Spring 1977
Reppeteau, Lori - Spring 1982
Reynolds, John - Spring 1968
Rhodes, Donald - September 1957
Ritchie, A. Walter - January 1958
Rose, Harvey - Summer 1965
Rose, Patsy - Summer 1965
Roza, Frank Jr. - Winter 1968
Ruby, Dr. Charles - March 1955
Rulau, Russell - Summer 1962

Scott, Robert - Winter 1992
Sears, John - Summer 1964
Sentis, Gwendolyn - Spring 1967
Sexton, William - Spring 1964
Shattuc, Dan - Fall 1986
Shultz, Norman - Winter 1962
Simpkins, David - Fall 1984
Sinton, Marian - Summer 1987
Smith, William - September 1959
Snedaker, Carol - Summer 1980
Snedaker, Paul - May 1959
Spence, William - July 1956
Stanley, Mike - Winter 1981
Stewart, J. R. - March 1951
Strauch, Milton - September 1956
Strauss, Frank - Fall 1977
Strazzarino, Frank - Fall 1973
Stone, Ethel - Summer 1966
Stout, Osmyn - Summer 1985
Sturgess, Norman - Winter 1977

Thrall, Don - Fall 1960
 Tinkham, Fred - May 1957
 Titoff, Victor - Summer 1983
 Trowbridge, Richard - Summer 1971

Wagner, Dr. Shelby - Winter 1983
 Walker, Lewis Jr. - Spring 1962
 Wallis, O. L. - Spring 1978
 Walrath, Louis - Summer 1962
 Ward, Thomas - July 1954
 Weber, William - January 1956
 Werling, Erich - January 1954
 Wilson, Dr. Ray - November 1956
 Wisslead, Elizabeth - Winter 1976
 Wisslead, William - Winter 1965
 Wright, Launie - Fall 1983

Yeager, A. G. (Hap) - Winter 1970
 Yeoman, R. S. - Winter 1975
 Young, Betty - Fall 1987
 Young, Howard "Pappy" - Fall 1987
 Young, Leo - January 1957
 Yribarne, John - November 1955

CANADA'S FIRST BI-METALLIC COINS HONOR FIFTY YEARS OF FLIGHT

The Royal Canadian Mint unveiled its first bi-metallic coins in late 1990 at the national Aviation Museum in Ottawa when it showed the public the first two of a series of ten coins honoring famous planes and pilots of Canada's fifty year history of aviation. Both of the coins have a face value of \$20 and are composed of .925 fine silver with a gold-plated inset cameo.

One coin depicts two Canadian-built training planes — the Harvard in flight and the Anson on the ground. The gold-plated cameo portrait in this coin is that of Air Marshal Robert Lecke, first commander of the Commonwealth Flight Training Program. The second coin depicts a four-engine bomber of World War II vintage, the Lancaster 683 Avro in flight with more Lancasters following, and the cameo portrays John E. Fauquier, commander of 617 Squadron, the famous "Dambuster" unit which bombed German dams in the Ruhr Valley. Mintages are limited to 50,000 per coin.

"TERM 2—BITS IS BORN"

One of the most colorful chapters in the romance of the Spanish dollar was written here in the United States.

New Orleans used the coin to supplement its economy with hard-times tokens made by quartering and counterstamping each quarter.

The term two-bits was derived from the literal dissecting of the dollar into four parts.

A bit or half of two-bits was equal to 12½ cents. A half coin was four bits and in some parts of the United States, 15 cents was known as a long-bit and 10 cents was a short-bit. Although these parts were actually used, counterstamping was rare.

In using the Spanish milled dollar as the prototype for the first silver dollar, Congress specified that the U.S. dollar be of the same value, but somewhere down the line someone goofed. In its final form the American coin wound up weighing six grains lighter than its counterpart.

The first director of the mint, a Dr. Rittenhouse, attempted to rectify the error but was unsuccessful.

Congress had already fixed the pure silver content at 371.4/16 grains, while the Spanish dollar continued on its merry way weighing 377.4/16 grains.

Prince Edward Island used the whole coin by counterstamping with the letters GR for Georgius Rex and a large numerical 5 denoting the denomination of five shillings.

Sir Henry Morgan, pirate, knight and governor of Jamaica, is undoubtedly the only "collector" to be bribed into giving up the collecting profession. Charles II bestowed two of these titles on Morgan provided he ceased piracy on the high seas. As a pirate, Morgan was constantly pursuing vessels carrying a cargo of Spanish silver and Spanish milled dollars.

The Piece of Eight is available with two different obverses — one has two globes under a crown centered between — two pillars. This is where the "pillar dollar" originated.

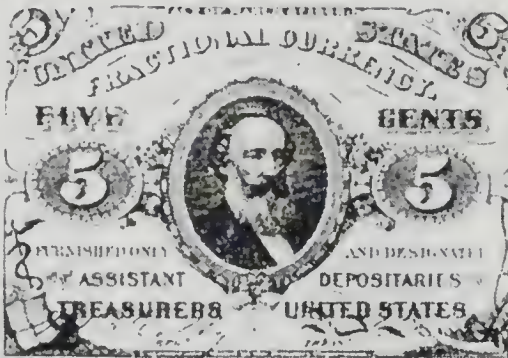
The second type has the portraits of Carolus III, Ferdinand VI and Carolus IV or III.

STORIES FROM THE PAST

By Jim Betton, CSNA L-18-02

President Washington loses his head on our currency! Sharing stories from the past can make our coins and currency more interesting to both the collector and non collector.

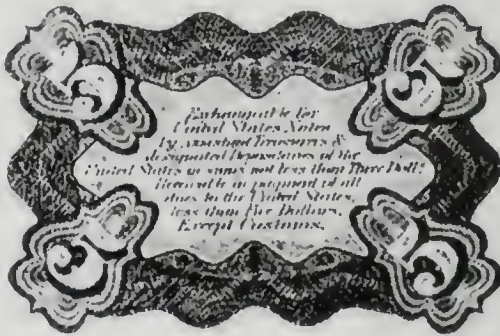
Unlike other nations, the U.S. does not issue paper currency with the portraits of living persons. There's a law against it. And the reason is the five cent note issued over a hundred years back in our history.



OBVERSE BLACK

Our story arises from the note as shown to the left.

Until it came from the Treasury . . . presses, 5-cent notes bore the portrait of George Washington. The man on this one is Spencer M. Clark!



REVERSE RED or GREEN

Who was Clark? A nobody, a Treasury clerk of very questionable morality who persuaded Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, to have the Treasury take over the printing of U.S. Currency from the bank note companies and put Clark in charge.

When the outraged companies charged Clark with being a lecher and thief, Lafayette C. Baker, first head of the Secret Service, launched an investigation. He then accused Clark of fraud and of seducing Treasury girls.

Although a Congressional committee later absolved . . . Clark of the charges, the scandal helped to cause his boss Chase to resign. Clark stayed in his job. However General Francis E. Spinner, the U.S. Treasurer, then fixed up a room in the attic of the old Treasury building and slept there every night so the public could be sure the clerk wasn't doing anything he . . . shouldn't.

General Spinner must have dozed because the next thing anyone knew Clark had put his own portrait on the U.S. 5-cent note, replacing . . . George Washington's familiar image, and run off 500,000 of the bills.

As the nation raged, Congress then passed a law prohibiting portraits of living persons on U.S. paper currency. Again, Clark strangely was not fired; he was simply shifted to a job in the Agriculture at a very small cut in pay.

Most of us have the feeling that the bureaucracy hasn't changed much even to this day!



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Corresponding Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

July 29, 1992 through October 29, 1992

R-5546	WELDON, DALE B. . . 28010 N. Braddon Oak Dr., Valencia, CA 91324 Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5547	EUPER, THOMAS J. 3040 Trudi Lane, Burbank, CA 91504 Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5548	ARANDA, JUAN 7737 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA 95608 Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5549	WEINSTEIN, ELLIOT . . . 11850 Mt. Harvard Ct., Alta Loma, CA 91737 Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5550	RUIZ, EDWARD 2309 Snead Dr., Alhambra, CA 91803 Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5551	WARNER, PATRICIA P.O. Box 172, Glendale, CA 91209-3172 Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5552	CLARK, KIT D. Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5553	CERATO, AMEDEO Sponsored by Virginia Hall
R-5554	BELOW, PHYLLIS 163 College Ave., Britton, MI 49229 Sponsored by Albert Hall
R-5555	ABELES, ROBERT Sponsored by Albert Hall

REINSTATED

R-5083	STAATSBIBLIOTHEK, BAYERISCHE
R-3225	HELLER, RICHARD W.
R-5296	BARSI, DONALD R.
R-5263	STEVENSON, MARTHA

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Total July 29, 1992	993
New Members July 29, 1992 through October 29, 1992	10
REINSTATED	4
YN Members	36
Membership Total October 29, 1992	1,043
Total Life Members	138

CALENDAR OF NUMISMATIC EVENTS

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- January 22-24, 1993 91st Convention
In Conjunction with the
San Jose Coin Club's 25th Annual Coin Show
Old San Jose Convention Center
Market St. at Park Avenue
San Jose, California
David W. Lange, CSNA Convention Chairman (415) 872-0295
- March 20, 1993 25th Annual Educational Symposium
Days Inn, Freeway 91, Raymond Off-Ramp, Fullerton
Dir. of Education: Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91724
- May 28-29, 1993 92nd Convention & Coin Show
Golden State Coin Show, CSNA, COIN, NASC, SIN
Airport Marina Hotel, 8601 Lincoln Blvd., Los Angeles
General Chairman: Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91724
Bourse: Kay Lenker, Box 6909, San Diego 92166

OTHER

- January 3, 1993 30th Annual Coin/Baseball Card Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club
National Orange Show, 689 "E" St., Citrus Bldg, San Bernardino, Ca.
General Chairman: Albert K. Hall, Box 1028, Colton, Ca. 92324
Bourse Chrm: William J. Grant, Box 1028, Colton, Ca. 92324
- January 21-24, 1993 25th Annual Coin Show
San Jose Coin Club
San Jose Convention Center, Park Ave. & Market St.
Bourse: Ken Barr, P.O. Box 32541, San Jose 95152
- February 27-28, 1993 23rd Annual Coin Show
Cupertino Coin Club
Hyatt San Jose, Mediterranean Ctr., 1740 N. First St., San Jose
Bourse: Ray Johnson, c/o CCC, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino 95015-0448
- March 5-7, 1993 29th Annual Coin Show
Las Vegas Numismatic Society
Union Plaza, Downtown Las Vegas
Info: Phil Carlino, 4100 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas 89121
- March 14, 1993 28th Annual Coin Show
Verdugo Hills Coin Club
Lake View Terrace Recreation Ct.
11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, Ca.
Info: Mike Baldwin, VHCC Pres., Box 26, Tujunga, Ca. 91042
- March 28, 1993 29th Annual Coin Show
Napa Valley Coin Club
Town/Country Frngds, 575 Third St., Napa
Bourse: Gene Feierstein, Box 3583, Napa 94558
- April 25, 1993 21st Coin & Collectible Show
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park
Tuolumne St. at End North Camino Alto, Vallejo
Bourse Coord: Craig Flackwood, Box 241, Elmira, Ca. 95625
Info: Stan Turrini, c/o VNS, Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590
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